

## Founder's Vision and President's Message for Teachers

When C-CAP was started over twenty years ago, little did we know that together we would change the lives of thousands of students. We know the challenges you face daily in the classroom, particularly in today's tough environment where school budgets are being slashed and valuable programs are being cut. We applaud your steadfast commitment to developing your own professional skills and to preparing your students for post-secondary education and employment in the foodservice industry. We are very proud of what you and C-CAP have accomplished.

As we start our 22<sup>nd</sup> year, you continue to be the cornerstone of C-CAP's success and your students' progress and achievements. C-CAP's 2011-12 programming for teachers and students will include:

- Teacher Training
- Product Donations
- Professional Visitors to Classrooms
- Competitions & Scholarships
- College & Career Guidance
- Job Readiness & Placement

The Teacher's Guide has been updated for 2011-2012. Please note that competition details, judging criteria and competition recipes are written with clear, easy-to-understand directions to eliminate any ambiguity when training students. Also, in response to your feedback and that of the 2011 senior competitors, we have made changes to the *2011-2012 C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships* application. Please become familiar with the 2011-2012 application so you can assist your students. Contact your local C-CAP coordinator or director if you have questions.

We continue to underscore the importance and value of teaching students to master the basic skills needed for entry-level employment and professional achievement. Many of these skills are reflected in the annual *C-CAP Cooking Competition for Scholarships* and all are outlined in detail in *C-CAP Approved: A Curriculum Outline of Essential Culinary Arts Skills*. If your students have mastered the skills outlined in *C-CAP Approved* by the time they graduate, they will indeed be ready to work in the industry and/or to enroll in a post-secondary culinary program.

As always, we remain committed to our mission of providing career opportunities for students and to you as vital partners in improving high school culinary education. We're available to offer training based on your specific needs. Please be in touch and let us know how we can assist. Even though the economic times remain difficult, all of us at C-CAP look forward to a great year.

**Susan Robbins**  
President

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